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## SUPREME COURT WEB SITE GETS 1.1 MILLION PAGE VIEWS FOR ELECTION OPINION

In the hours just before and just after the U.S. Supreme Court's historic opinion in the case of *George W. Bush, et al., Petitioners v. Albert Gore, Jr., et al.* (No. 00-949) on December 12, the Court's website was hit for a total of 1.1 million page views. The U.S. Government Printing Office, which hosts the Court's Web site at [www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov), replicated the Court's web pages on a total of 19 servers in anticipation of the opinion's release. The 65-page opinion, which included all dissents, was presented as a 330 KB Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) file. When displayed in an Acrobat Reader, the opinion appears as an exact facsimile of the original printed Slip Opinion.

Traffic on the site began to increase sharply at 4:00 p.m. and peaked in the minutes just after the opinion's release at about 10:00 p.m., totaling 1.1 million page views by 7:30 a.m. the next morning. Between November 21, the day before the election case reached the U.S. Supreme Court for the first time, and December 13, the day after the final opinion, the Court's Web site had 6.4 million page views. During a normal month, the Court's site handles roughly 1.5 million page views.

GPO has provided Web site development services for the U.S. Supreme Court site since the months leading up to its release in April 2000. Although it has its own Web address, the site is part of the **GPO Access** service ([www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess](http://www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess)) and is hosted on GPO servers. GPO provides around-the-clock Web maintenance service for the Supreme Court site.

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